

Suggested Talking Points
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- On behalf of USAID, I am pleased to be here today to witness the launch of the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol in the Philippines. This new project, sponsored by USAID, is a collaboration between lead grantee World Resources Institute (WRI), the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Klima, and the Philippine Government.
- The U.S. Government is committed to playing a leadership role in supporting climate change research, laying the groundwork for future action by investing in science, technology, and institutions. Our strategy emphasizes international cooperation and promotes working with other nations, such as the Philippines, to develop an efficient and coordinated response to climate change. By taking prudent

action both at home and abroad, our aim is to advance a pro-growth, pro-development approach to addressing this important global challenge.

- As a part of broader U.S. Government efforts, USAID has been working with WRI for several years to help develop the GHG Protocol and adapt it to a developing country context. We are now in the process of disseminating the GHG Protocol in Mexico, India and Brazil, in addition to the Philippines.
- Throughout this project, WRI will work in partnership with private businesses, NGOs, government, and other institutions, to bring together a diverse range of stakeholders in a synergistic approach to lay the foundation for an appropriate GHG accounting protocol.
- Why is this all important? As the world moves towards an increasingly “carbon constrained” economy, it becomes critical to harmonize GHG accounting and reporting standards

internationally, so as to ensure that different trading schemes and other climate related initiatives adopt consistent approaches to GHG accounting.

- An appropriate and transparent GHG Protocol, combined with a country's (or a company's) understanding of its GHG emissions profile will enable them to more effectively anticipate and manage both the risk and the opportunities that climate change brings to the market place in the "carbon-constrained" economy.
- USAID has a long history of incorporating climate change considerations into its development assistance activities. USAID's Global Climate Change Program is active in more than 40 countries around the world (including right here in the Philippines) and, since 2001, has dedicated over a billion dollars to clean energy technology; sustainable land use and forestry; adaptation

to climate change; and climate science for decision-making.

- As part of its support, USAID helps developing countries address climate by supporting the development of tools, such as the GHG Protocol, which we today launch here in Manila.
- We look forward to establishing a successful partnership with stakeholders in the Philippines and providing technical support as the country begins to establish a national GHG accounting and reporting program.

Thank you.